

Talent City Hall Pollinator Garden



Creating the City Hall Pollinator Garden

In September of 2017, members of the Talent Garden Club became acutely aware of Talent's Native Plant/Pollinator Garden's (near the roundabout) need to be rehabilitated. After several discussions with our city administration, city council and TURA, Bradley Wilson, who was an integral part of the original conception of said garden, took it upon himself to restore it. The work is completed and the results are marvelous.

Gerlinde Smith (member of the Talent Garden Club) suggested, that as a Bee City it would behoove us to establish an additional pollinator garden at a more prominent location, ideally within the center of our town. Furthermore, such a space would have to be free from chemical applications (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and chemical fertilizers) and meet the specifications that qualify a certifiable pollinator garden, as defined by Bee City Talent. Upon careful perusal, a 2300 sq. ft strip in front of City Hall, that already contained plants, was allocated toward our end and it fit all our criteria. We realized that a lot of the existing vegetation would need to be removed because it was severely overgrown.



Beginnings



Overgrown Vegetation



The work began in earnest, when members of the Talent Garden Club committed to do most of the actual work and the garden club agreed to pay for new plants. In January 2018, city workers removed some surplus plants and our team of volunteers

set out to clear enormous amounts of Kinnikinnick, invasive Oregon Grape, Pyracantha (Firethorn) and other vegetation. Additionally we pruned all the existing shrubs and ornamental grasses which was a mammoth undertaking. We found that the existing soil was quite good, with a decent amount of organic matter, mycorrhizal fungi and soil microorganisms.



Jim Thompson



Mark Smith-Poelz



Yet another pile of debris



Terri House



Terri's Truck



Lyn Heerema and Dave Pastizzo



Dorian Hastings



Dorothy Gardner (top) Katie Becker



To create a weed barrier, we proceeded to place cardboard and biodegradable Kraft barrier paper on the ground and added another layer of new organic soil, comprising of topsoil and compost.



Marguerite Schellentrager



Jim Schellentrager



Charles Roome



New soil covers weed barrier



We added over 75 neonicotinoid free plants to the garden (one tree, shrubs and many flowers, including some ground covers). Some of the plants came directly from the gardens of TGC members while others were purchased from reputable nurseries. During the memorable snow day, at the end of February, two of our superb gardeners/volunteers, dug out a Cornelian Cherry Tree from their own garden and the following day we re-located it to its now permanent home. Our stalwart gardeners braved a variety of elements to help make this garden a reality.



Louise Parker



Kudos go to our friends from Public Works, they did an extraordinary job in putting in an extensive drip irrigation system as well as cedar edging to separate the garden from the lawn. Furthermore, they hauled away many loads of garden debris and all in a most timely fashion.

Tyler (left) and Robert (Public Works)



Bret, Steve, Chance and Chris (Public Works)

With existing as well as new plants, the garden contains 60 different plant species. We also added 3 mason bee/leaf cutter bee houses, a bird house and our unique Bugingham Palace (a condo for a variety of beneficial insects, with a planter box of succulents as a roof).



Bird House



Mason/Leaf Cutter Bee House



Ryan Wilcoxson (Talent Maker City) and Gerlinde Smith



Bugingham Palace



Red hemlock mulch was blown in, to create a protective layer for the soil and plants, this enables cooler soil temperatures during the summer months and warmer temps throughout the cooler season. Having a good layer of mulch inhibits the growth of weeds but even more importantly, it enables carbon sequestration from the atmosphere to create carbon rich soil (where we want it).



Accurately placed plant identification tags make it easy for people to access information that may be helpful in their own gardening needs.



Beverly Weaver and Dolly Warden

The crowning glory of this project was the pollinator certification through Bee City USA Talent and the Talent Garden Club. The colorful Pollinator and Pesticide-free signs are a visible testimony to that effect.

This garden will be maintained by the good volunteers from the Talent Garden Club and undoubtedly, as the plants become fully established and thrive, be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Spring 2018



Donations for the pollinator garden:

Northwest Nature Shop, Ashland - 3 mason bee/leaf cutter bee houses
Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds - 4 native plants
Talent Garden Club - purchase of plants
Ginny Ross (Bee City Talent) - printer for plant labels
Charlie Hamilton (Suncrest Homes) - roofing material for Bugingham Palace
Earth Kentro - painted rocks and plants
Terri House - plants
Marguerite and Jim Schellentrager - plants, tree from their own garden; plants, planter cage bought from nursery; transportation of plants and other materials
Gerlinde Smith and Mark Smith-Poelz - plants from own garden; plants bought from nurseries, birdhouse, Kraft barrier paper, soil amendment, cedar boards, marine grade plywood, creating mason bee house and sign supports
Louise Parker - plants
Robin Mc.Kenzie - plants
Dorothy Gardner - plants
Sharon Anderson - plant
Ryan Wilcoxon (Talent Maker City) - cedar wood, designing and creating "Bugingham Palace" plaques
Dolly Warden - labels for plant IDs
Steve Joslin - plants; transportation for bug house materials
Ray and Donna Eddington - cutting shelves for bug house
Carey and Todd Brink - bricks

Volunteers for garden work:

Katie Becker, Dorothy Gardner, Dorian Hastings, Lynda Heerema, Terri House, Louise Parker, David Pastizzo, Charles Roome, Jim Schellentrager, Marguerite Schellentrager, Gerlinde Smith, Mark Smith-Poelz, Jim Thompson, Dolly Warden and Beverly Weaver

Special thanks to:

Everyone at Public Works:

Brett, Chance, Chris, Robert, Steve and Tyler

City Administration:

Ryan Martin

Zac Moody

and all the Staff Members

Darby Ayres-Flood (Mayor)

Stephanie Dolan (Councilwoman) liaison to this project

All the Council Members who supported the creation of this garden

List of native Plants: * the asterisk
depict plants that were already present

Aster
Ceanothus
Cornelian Cherry Tree
Golden Currant *
Horsemint
Lewisia
Mock Orange
Oregon Ash Tree *

Oregon Grape *
Oregon Sunshine
Penstemon
Serviceberry *
Spotted Horsemint
Western Coneflower
Western Geum
Witch Hazel *

List of non-native Plants: * the asterisk
depicts plants that were already present

Allium
Asclepias tuberosa
Bee Balm
Blue False Indigo
Butterfly Bush *
Candytuft *
Catmint
Coreopsis
Cotoneaster
Crape Myrtle "Dynamite"
Creeping Phlox *
Creeping Rosemary
Creeping Thyme
Daphne "Eternal Fragrance"
Dianthus *
Firethorn *
Flowering Currant "King Edward VII"
Fragrant Viburnum
Gaura
Germander
Geum
Glory of the Snow
Heather

Helianthus
Hens and Chicks
Hibiscus "Pink Swirl"
Indian Hawthorn *
Joe Pye Weed
Jupiter's Beard
Lavender "Hidcote"
Lavender "Provence"
Lithodora *
Oak Tree *
Ornamental Oregano
Ornamental Grass "Blue Fescue" *
Pieris Japonica
Red Hot Poker
Rhododendron "PJM"
Rudbeckia
Russian Sage *
Sea Thrift *
Sedum "Class Act"
Shasta Daisy
Variegated Red Twig Dogwood

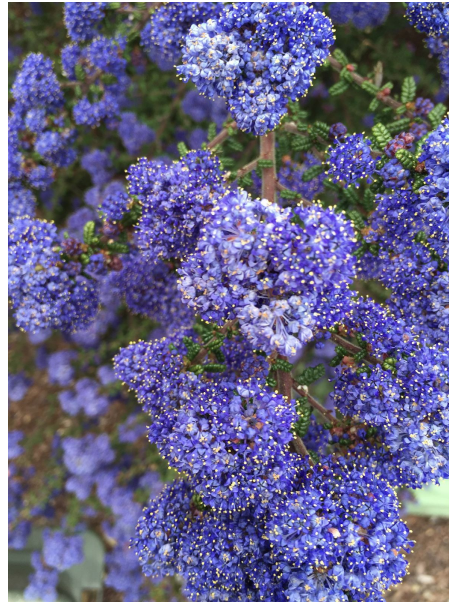
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Ceanothus



Cornelian Cherry Tree



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Horsemint



Lewisia



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Oregon Ash Tree*



Oregon Grape*



Oregon Sunshine



Penstemon



Serviceberry*



Spotted Horsemint



Western Coneflower



Western Geum



Witch Hazel*

Non-Native Plants



Allium



Asclepias Tuberosa



Bee Balm



Blue False Indigo



Butterfly Bush*



Candytuft*



Catmint



Coreopsis



Cotoneaster



Crape Myrtle "Dynamite"



Creeping Phlox*



Creeping Rosemary



Creeping Thyme



Daphne "Eternal Fragrance"



Dianthus*



Firethorn*



Flowering Currant "King Edward VII"



Fragrant Viburnum



Gaura



Germander



Geum



Glory of the Snow



Heather



Helianthus



Hens and Chicks



Hibiscus "Pink Swirl"



Indian Hawthorn*



Joe Pye Weed



Jupiter's Beard



Lavender "Hidcote"



Lavender "Provence"



Lithodora*



Oak Tree*



Ornamental Oregano



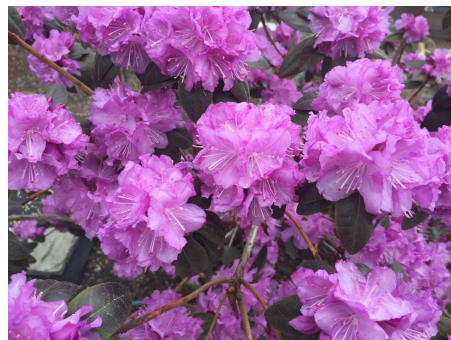
Ornamental Grass "Blue Fescue"*



Pieris Japonica



Red Hot Poker



Rhododendron



Rudbeckia



Russian Sage



Sea Thrift*



Sedum "Class Act"



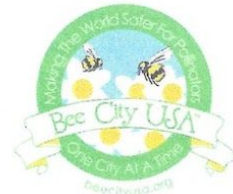
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Variegated Red Twig Dogwood

Pollinator Gardens Nomination Form For BCU Talent Approval & Recognition

Bee City USA Talent and the Talent Garden Club encourage pollinator habitats in yards, parks, commercial and public areas, and formally recognize spaces that support and nourish our pollinator populations. Each qualifying garden will be recognized with a "Talent Pollinator Garden" sign. Pollinator gardens that are visible from the street will be included in Talent's Pollinator Garden tour map. A \$12 donation is suggested to cover the cost of the sign. BCU Talent nomination form~d08162017



Pollinator Gardens may be nominated by the public, a Bee City USA Talent representative, or a Talent Garden Club member. Nominated gardens must demonstrate that they provide the three *Basic Pollinator Requirements*, plus a minimum of one *Recommended Pollinator Point*.

Please submit this information to:

Dolly Warden, Bee City USA Talent Chair – PO Box 111, Talent, OR 97540
dolly.warden17@gmail.com, 541-897-0065

Name of Nominating Party: GERLINDE SMITH Date: 3/14/2018
Contact information for Nominating Party: 1013 LITHIA WAY, TALENT 541-601-6791
Owner of Pollinator Garden: CITY OF TALENT
Street Address of Pollinator Garden: 110 EAST MAIN STREET, TALENT, OR 97541
Contact information for Pollinator Garden Owner: talent@cityoftalent.org 541-535-1566

Please check all of the following criteria that apply:

Garden Meets Basic Pollinator Requirements:

- ☒ No pesticides or herbicides are used inside the garden perimeter.
- ☒ Plants can be found blooming continuously from early spring to late fall.
- ☒ Water source, such as a shallow pebbled-lined dish, bird bath, or water feature, is nearby and water is changed at least weekly.

The Garden meets a Recommended Pollinator Point - select at least one

- ☒ Gardener has attempted to source neonicotinoid-free seeds and plants.
- ☒ Garden supports a diverse range of native pollinators.
- ☒ A minimum of three native plants are present.
- ☒ Additional pollinator habitat such as uncultivated areas or bee hotels for mason bees are present.

Is the Pollinator Garden visible from the street? ☒ Yes ☐ No

May we include the garden on a tour map of pollinator gardens of Talent? ☒ Yes ☐ No

WORKSHEET FOR

POLLINATOR GARDEN(S) NOMINATION FORM

FOR BEE CITY USA TALENT AND THE TALENT GARDEN CLUB

APPROVAL AND RECOGNITION

Garden Owner CITY OF TALENT

Date 3/14/2018

BCU Talent Worksheet Poll Gardens™ d04092017

Garden MEETS BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

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PLEASE LIST PLANTS BELOW:

February	<u>WITCH HAZEL</u>	<u>CANDYTUFT</u>	<u>FRAG. VIBURNUM</u>	<u>PIERIS JAPONICA</u>
		P.J.M.		
March	<u>CORNELIAN CHERRY</u>	<u>RHODODENDRON</u>	<u>HEATHER</u>	<u>DAPHNE TRANSATLANTIC</u>
April	<u>CEANOTHUS</u>	<u>LITHODORA</u>	<u>DIANTHUS</u>	<u>FLOWER. CURRANT</u>
May	<u>OREGON GRAPE</u>	<u>LAVENDER</u>	<u>LEWISIA</u>	<u>CATMINT</u>
June	<u>HELIANTHUS</u>	<u>GERMANDER</u>	<u>CREEP. THYME</u>	<u>BLUE FALSE INDIGO</u>
July	<u>RED HOT POKER</u>	<u>BEE BALM</u>	<u>ASCLEPIAS</u>	<u>HORSEMINT</u>
August	<u>SHASTA DAISIES</u>	<u>COREOPSIS</u>	<u>BUTTERFLY BUSH</u>	<u>GEUM</u>
September	<u>WEST. CONEFLOWER</u>	<u>GRAPE MYRTLE</u>	<u>PENSTEMON</u>	<u>SEDUM 'CLASS ACT'</u>
October	<u>CREEP. ROSEMARY</u>	<u>JUPITER'S BEARD</u>	<u>RUDBECKIA</u>	<u>ASTER</u>

☒ Water Source 2 SHALLOW SAUCERS W. PEBBLES, SOLAR POWERED WATER FEATURE

Garden MEETS A RECOMMENDED POLLINATOR POINT (Select at least One):

☒ Garden supports a diverse range of native pollinators: (circle)

☒ honeybees
 ☒ butterflies
 ☒ beetles
 ☒ native bees
 ☒ hummingbirds
 ☒ hover flies
 ☒ moths
 ☒ bumble bees
 ☒ parasitic wasps
 ☒ ladybugs
 ☒ big-eyed bugs
 ☒ tachinid flies
 ☒ lacewings

☒ Three native plants: OREGON SUNSHINE MOCK ORANGE SPOTTED HORSEMINT

☒ Additional pollinator habitat 3 MASON/LEAF CUTTER BEE HOUSES, BUG HOUSE

☒ Gardener has attempted to source neonicotinoid-free seeds and plants

☒ Visible from street?

☒ Include on tour map?

Signed by: Dolly Warden print name Dolly Warden

Signed by: Beverly Weaver print name BEVERLY WEAVER

Addendum to Pollinator Certification

Additional Pollinator Plants:

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Creeping Phlox
Cotoneaster
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Firethorn
Guara
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